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TEXTILES PRODUCTION IN GUJARAT
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether textile mills and powerloom owners in Gujarat have been agitating leading to closures of many units and loss of production;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the quantum and value of loss in production for domestic and export during 2001-02; and

(d) the steps taken or being taken by the Government to ensure optimum level of production of textiles in Gujarat?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR)

(a) to (d) : The Powerloom weavers in Gujarat were on strike w.e.f. 3.1.2002 to 28.1.2002. The main demands were as follows :

(i). State Government of Gujarat should continue the deferment of 30% of their electricity bills, which State Government had not collected as an interim relief till power tariff award was decided by the Gujarat Electricity Regulatory Commission.

(ii). State Government of Gujarat should charge the power tariff at par with the power tariff charged by the Maharashtra state from its powerloom units.

(iii). State Government of Gujarat or Gujarat Electricity Board should not recover the 30% deferment provided to them from 01.08.2000 onwards.

Due to the said strike the activities of twisting/texturising/processing units were affected. A broad estimate of loss in production may be made based on the number of powerloom units in the area and their daily estimated production is calculated at 140 lac meters. Estimate of loss to exports cannot be computed.

Government of Gujarat has formed a Three Member Committee comprising Ministers for Industries, Electricity and Energy to study the matter and submit a report.